

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. No: 10/511,831  
 Applicant: Hiroshi Saitoh, et al.  
 Filed: October 19, 2004  
 Title: AUTOREC SIGNAL MULTIPLEX APPARATUS, AUTOREC SIGNAL  
 MULTIPLEX METHOD, PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM  
 2621  
 TC/A.U.:  
 Examiner: Nigar Chowdhury  
 Docket No.: MTS-3542US

**REQUEST FOR REFUND**  
 (Improper Charge of Deposit Account)

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Sir:

**I. REFUND REQUEST**

This is a request for refund with respect to the charge to Deposit Account No. 18-0350 shown on the statement dated July 2008 for the above-identified application.

Accompanying this request is a copy of the monthly statement on which the referred error is listed.

**II. FEES CHARGED FOR WHICH REFUND IS REQUESTED**

		Amount of Refund Requested	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Excess claims	\$	420.00
	<b>TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>420.00</b>

**III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR**

The Amendment filed on June 27, 2008 included 5 independent claims. The fee for two additional independent claims was previously paid on October 19, 2004 (see attached Transmittal Letter). Therefore, the additional claim charge on the July 2008 USPTO Deposit Account Statement is inappropriate.

**IV. MANNER OF REFUND**

Please make refund by:

- ☒ crediting Deposit Account No. 18-0350.  
☐ refunding payment.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lawrence E. Ashery, Reg. No. 34,515  
Attorney for Applicants

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Attachment: Copy/July 2008 statement on which the error is listed  
Copy/Transmittal Letter filed on October 19, 2004.

Dated: September 11, 2008

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**Deposit Account Statement**

**Requested Statement Month:** July 2008  
**Deposit Account Number:** 180350  
**Name:** RATNER AND PRESTIA  
**Attention:**  
**Street Address 1:** P O BOX 980  
**Street Address 2:**  
**City:** VALLEY FORGE  
**State:** PA  
**Zip:** 19482  
**Country:** UNITED STATES

DATE	SEQ	POSTING REF TXT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NBR	FEE CODE	AMT	BAL
07/03	15780	12156567	TAL-123US	8021	\$40.00	\$20,237.13
07/07	1	11175827	KET-100US	2251	\$60.00	\$20,177.13
07/07	14	12093863	GLTC-114US	1614	\$310.00	\$19,867.13
07/08	1	10511831	MTS-3542US	1201	\$420.00	\$19,447.13
07/10	1	10489927	GRY-123US	1254	\$1,640.00	\$17,807.13
07/15	9428	61037065	ITC-355TW	8007	\$20.00	\$17,787.13
07/18	42	PAYMENT		9203	-\$5,000.00	\$22,787.13
07/22	1	11194865	ITDE-PNV125US	1202	\$50.00	\$22,737.13
07/24	1	10311914	MTS-3392US	1201	\$420.00	\$22,317.13
07/24	2	10311914	MTS-3392US	1202	\$50.00	\$22,267.13
07/31	3	10922782	10428US (EKC 90154)	1201	-\$210.00	\$22,477.13

START	SUM OF	SUM OF	END
BALANCE	CHARGES	REPLENISH	BALANCE
\$20,277.13	\$3,010.00	\$5,210.00	\$22,477.13

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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		<b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b> MTS-3542US
<b>INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.</b> PCT/IP03/04674		<b>INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE</b> 14 April 2003 (14.04.03)
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> AUTOREC SIGNAL MULTIPLEX APPARATUS, AUTOREC SIGNAL MULTIPLEX METHOD, PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM (AS AMENDED)		<b>PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED</b> 19 April 2002 (19.04.02)
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> Hiroshi SAITOH, Hideaki MITA		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Express Mail Certificate, PCT Publication Cover Page, Return Postcard, USPTO Credit Card Payment Form		

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